Cases of Encroachment on Government Land

219. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any cases of alleged encroachment on Government lands by unscrupulous property dealers and others have been referred by Member of Parliament during the current year ; and

(b) if so, the region-wise details of such cases, indicating the action taken by Government and other authorities to remove the encroachment indicating the precise location and the nature of encroachments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. DDA has reported that no specific reference regarding encroachment of land by any property dealer has been received from any Member of Parliament during the current year. However, 13 complaints in regard to encroachment by others have been received from the Members of Parliament. All the complaints have been attended to and encroachments have been removed in 11 cases. Delhi Administration have informed that a complaint regarding alleged encroachment at the site adjoining MCD Primary School, Kanti Nagar has been received. At present the matter is sub judice. However, steps have been initiated to get the land of MCD Primary School demarcated from the land of private persons.

So far as land under the control of L & DO is concerned, references have been received from the Members of Parliament for removal of unauthorised coal Depot on Government land at Gandhi Market, Mirdard Road, New Delhi. Delhi High Court have stayed the proceedings against the anauthorised occupants in the court of Estate Officer, Land & Development Office.

Vaidyanathan Committee Report on Pricing of Irrigation Water

220. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Report of the Committee on pricing of irrigation water headed by Shri Vaidyanathan has cautioned on continuing the stupendous amount of subsidy on irrigation on the present scale ;

(b) whether the report has been welcomed by the World Bank for the bold measures proposed therein ; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the proposals contained in the report so as to make State afforts on irrigation both equitable and sustainable.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : The recommendations of the Committee on Pricing of Irrigation Water under the chairmanship of Dr. A Vaidyanathan, former Member, Planning Commission inter-alia include : treating water rates as users' charge ; the objective of water charge is ultimately to recover cost ; linking revision of water rates to the improvement of the quality of service ; revision and implementation of water rates in phases ; consolidation of the system of farmer group management ; upgrading the system to higher level efficiency in water use and productivity, setting up of experts group at the State level for working out norms and procedure for fixing operation and maintenance cost, setting up of autonomous boards at the State level to review policy regarding cost of water, revising water rates and introduction a minimum financial return criteria.

With a view to go into the report of the Committee and to have a broad spectrum of views on various recommendations made by the Committee, the planning Commision has constituted a group of officials under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Planning

Commission. 'Irrigation' being a state subject, decision on water rates can be taken only in consultation with the State Governments and the Administrations of the Union Territories.

The World Bank generally favours recovery of service cost as has been recommended by the Committee. However, there is no formal communication in this regard.

Irrigation Facilities in Bihar

221. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Irrigation facilities are minimal in Bihar in comparison to other States ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have taken the case of Bihar before the World Bank for assistance for irrigation projects in the State :

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the results achieved ; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons and what action Government propose to take to increase irrigation facilities in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) Statewise status of irrigation potential created at the end of 1992-93 is given in the Statement-I attached, (*See below*).

(c) to (e) Details of irrigation projects of Bihar assisted through World Bank are given in the Statement-II attached, (*See* below).

Statement-I

Statewise status of Irrigation Potential Created at the end of 1992-93

(In '000 hectares)

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Potential created			
		Major and Medium	Minor	Total	% of All India Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	3039.00	2936.83	5975.83	7.15
2	Arunachal Pradesh	—	69.59	69.59	0.08
3	Assam	179.00	590.58	769.58	0.92
4	Bihar	2796.00	5085.90	7881.90	9.44
5	Goa	13.00	19.06	32.06	0.03
6	Gujarat	1281.00	1934.30	3215.30	3.85
7	Haryana	2058.00	1534.67	3592.67	4.30
8	Himachal Pradesh	8.00	144.61	152.62	0.18
9	Jammu & Kashmir	174.00	367.62	541.62	0.64
10	Karnataka	1434.00	1480.48	2914.48	3.49
11	Kerala	504.00	536.42	1040.42	1.24
12	Madhya Pradesh	2025.00	2634.42	4659.42	5.58
13	Maharashtra	2071.00	2493.40	4564.40	5.46
14	Manipur	62.00	51.48	113.48	0.13
15	Meghalay	—	45.08	45.08	0.05
16	Mizoram	—	11.06	11.06	0.01
17	Nagaland	—	65.80	65.80	0.07
18	Orissa	1449.00	1264.83	2713.83	3.25
19	Punjab	2386.00	3318.82	5704.82	6.83
20	Rajasthan	2064.00	2437.71	4501.71	5.39
21	Sikkim	—	22.58	22.58	0.02
22	Tamil Nadu	1550.00	2129.76	3679.76	4.40
23	Tripura	3.00	91.88	94.88	0.11
24	Uttar Pradesh	6876.00	19912.00	26788.00	32.08
25	West Bengal	1370.00	2872.37	4242.37	5.08
26	Total Union Territories	15.00	82.23	97.23	0.11
	ALL INDIA TOTAL	31357.00	52133.48	83490.48	100.00